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CONSTITUTION AND RULES OF ORDER

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Patrons of Industry

— OF —

NORTH AMERICA,

— ADOPTED BY —

THE GRAND ASSOCIATION

OF THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO,

— HELD AT —

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FOR THE YEAR 1892.

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PREAMBLE.

Being impressed with the fact that all parties engaged in commerce, manufactures, and all other enterprises of importance, are organized and are using their combined influence for the promotion of their own special interests, while the farmers and employees upon whose labors depend the prospects of the nation are almost entirely unorganized : We, the farmers and employees of the Province of Ontario, believing that Almighty God, as the source of all power and the ruler of nations, should be acknowledged in all constitutions of societies, do hereby with due reverence to Him, associate ourselves together under the following articles, and the articles of incorporation of the Order of the Patrons of Industry, in the Province of Ontario, and the amendments made thereto, and do solemnly pledge ourselves, one to another, to labor together for the promotion of the interests of farmers and employees, and the good of the nation, of which we are a part.

ARTICLE I.

NAME AND OBJECTS.

This organization shall be called THE PATRONS OF INDUSTRY OF NORTH AMERICA, and shall be composed of a Grand Association, and County and Subordinate Associations, and shall be an organization of farmers and others, whose interests are identical with those of farmers, and its objects shall

be to advance the moral, intellectual, social, political and financial condition of the said classes in this country, and to generally develop a higher character of that great industrial class that performs so important a part in providing for the subsistence and advancing the prosperity of all nations, and while fearless in its advocacy of the right, shall be not-partizan and non-sectarian.

ARTICLE II.

GRAND ASSOCIATION.

SEC. 1.—The officers of the Grand Association shall be a President, Vice-President, Secretary-Treasurer, three Trustees, a Sentinel, and two Auditors, and any member of the order in good standing shall be eligible for election to any office in the Grand Association.

SEC. 2.—The annual meeting of the Grand Association shall be held on the last Tuesday in the month of February in each year, at such place as has been designated in the articles of incorporation as the chief place of business of the Association, and the officers shall be elected at such annual meeting.

SEC. 3.—The Grand Association shall be composed of its own officers and of delegates, who shall be elected by the delegates of the several Subordinate Associations of each county, such election to take place at the meeting of the County Association next preceding the annual meeting of the Grand Association. Each county shall be entitled to one delegate for each 1,000 (representation to be based on returns of members in good standing of previous quarter) members or major fraction thereof ; provided, nevertheless, that any properly organized County Association, with not less than ten Subor

dinate Associations, in good standing, shall be entitled to send one delegate, even though it has not a major fraction of 1,000 members; and retiring officers shall be entitled to all the rights and privileges of delegates, and shall be *ex-officio* members of the Grand Association until the close of the meeting at which their successors are elected.

SEC. 4.—The Grand Association shall have power to enact all By-Laws, Rules and Regulations for its government and the proper conduct of its business, provided always, that the same do not conflict with the Constitution, and consistent always with the provisions of the next section.

SEC. 5.—Every measure of legislation required, and all business affecting the welfare of the Order, shall, in so far as practicable be submitted to such Associations as shall be affected thereby, together with every available information in regard thereto.

SEC. 6.—The President, Vice-President and Secretary of the Grand Association shall be a Board for the adjustment of all matters of controversy between organizers and members in the jurisdiction of this Grand Association, and to pass upon all recommendations and applications for commissions from all persons whomsoever. In case a county is declared completed by the organizer, or in case the organizer shall neglect or refuse for two months to perform his duties, the County Executive may recommend to the Grand President a suitable person as organizer for such county.

SEC. 7.—It shall be the duty of the Grand President to call and preside over all meetings of the Grand Association, to decide all questions of order subject to an appeal to the meeting, to see that the Constitution and By-Laws of the

Grand Association are faithfully and promptly observed and enforced, and to exercise supervision and control of organizers acting under and by virtue of their commissions, and to oversee and control all lecturers, and to perform such other duties as the good of the Order may require.

SEC. 8.—It shall be the duty of the Grand Vice-President to act as President in case of the absence of the President and to assist the Grand President in performing the duties assigned to him by section 7.

SEC. 9.—The Grand Secretary shall keep an accurate record of the proceedings of the Grand Association. Also a register of the names of County Associations, with the names and addresses of the Presidents and Secretaries, and shall at all reasonable times, when required, submit his books for the inspection of the Grand Executive Board. He shall attend to the correspondence connected with the business of the Grand Association, and shall procure, keep and send out all supplies for Organizers and Secretaries of County and Subordinate Associations. It shall be his duty to attend to the printing and distribution of all papers ordered by the Grand Executive Board, and to make a general report showing all the statistics concerning the standing and progress of the Order in his jurisdiction, and to do any further necessary work ordered by the Grand Executive Board.

SEC. 10.—It shall be the duty of the Grand Treasurer to receive, safely keep, and disburse, subject to the order of the Grand President, countersigned by the Grand Secretary, all money of the Grand Association, to keep an accurate account of all funds coming into his hands, to keep an account with each County Association in this Province, and affiliated As-

sociations in other Provinces, and to submit his books when required to the Grand Executive Board, and to prepare a financial statement at the end of each year, and when called upon by the Grand Executive Board.

SEC. 11.—(a) It shall be the duty of the Grand Trustees, under the direction of the Grand Executive Board, to exercise a general supervision of the affairs of the Order between the sessions of the Grand Association, to make arrangements for the meetings of the Grand Association, to be the custodians of its property, and to hold the letters of incorporation for and on behalf of the Order. And they shall certify to all accounts sent in by them for payment, and shall make out and send in to the Grand Executive Board an itemized account for all services rendered by them, and shall futhermore report in detail on every matter of business they may transact.

(b) The Grand President, Grand Vice-President, Grand Secretary and Grand Trustees shall form a Grand Executive Board, which shall have full control of all affairs of the Order in the intervals between the sessions of the Grand Association, and all its decisions shall be final, subject only to appeal to and confirmation by the Grand Association, and shall report all decisions and rulings made by it to next ensuing meeting of the Grand Association, and shall have power to suspend from office any grand official guilty of fraudulent or dishonest conduct, or of refusing or neglecting to perform his duties. In case of a tie the President shall have a casting vote, and a half in number shall form a quorum.

SEC. 12.—It shall be the duty of the Grand Sentinel to have charge of the door and see that it is properly guarded and admit no persons without the proper authority, and per-

form such other duties as may be assigned him by the Grand President.

SEC. 13.—The Grand Auditors shall examine all books and vouchers, and audit the accounts of the Grand Association, and shall at the end of each year prepare a detailed statement of all receipts and expenditures to be submitted to the annual meeting, and shall meet at the office of the Grand Treasurer on the first Wednesday in the months of January and July to examine the accounts and vouchers, and shall make out at such meetings half-yearly reports, showing (1st) the financial standing of the Grand Association, and (2nd) an abstract account of receipts and expenditures for the past half year, and shall at any time, when ordered by the Grand Board, make an audit of accounts.

SEC. 14.—All Charters for Subordinate Associations, under the jurisdiction of the Grand Association, shall be issued by the Grand Secretary on receipt of \$3.00, after being signed by the Grand President and Grand Secretary. All organizers are required to obtain their commissions from the Grand Secretary, after being signed by the Grand Secretary and Grand President—commissions to be then issued upon the order of the Grand President.

SEC. 15.—All Subordinate and County Secretaries, and all properly commissioned organizers, are required to procure their supplies from the Grand Secretary, and shall pay the sums specified in the price list approved by the Grand Association therefor, and that no order shall be less than fifty cents.

SEC. 16.—The revenue of the Grand Association shall consist of the charter fees, and of the proportions of the per

capita tax which the constitution requires to be forwarded by the County Secretaries to the Grand Secretary, and all moneys received for supplies and other funds rightfully belonging to this Association.

SEC. 17.—Any member of this order charged with violation of their obligations, or conduct unbecoming Patrons of Industry, must be tried by their peers, and if found guilty, shall also be considered expelled from the order.

ARTICLE III.

COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

SEC. 1.—A County Association may be organized in any County in which there are not less than ten Subordinate Associations in good standing, but any County Association may, by the vote of two-thirds of the members present, divide the County into two or more County Associations, provided always that any delegate who intends to introduce a measure for the division of any County shall give three months' notice to the County Secretary of his intention, and the County Secretary shall then notify each Subordinate Association that the question of the division of the County will be brought before the County meeting, and after notice has been given to the Subordinate Associations any delegate will be at liberty to move in the matter, and provided always that nothing in this section contained shall authorize the formation of any County Association with less than ten Subordinate Associations in good standing.

SEC. 2.—County Associations shall consist of a President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Sentinel and two Auditors, and one delegate from each Subordinate Association in the County, in good standing, but any subordinate

Association having fifty or more members in good standing shall be entitled to a second delegate, and in determining the standing of any Subordinate Association, any Association that has paid its per capita tax for all expired quarters shall be held to be in good standing, and the President, Vice-President and Secretary may be the executive officers of each County Association.

SEC. 3.—County Associations shall have power to make by-laws, rules and regulations for their own government, providing the same are in harmony with the constitution, and may if they see fit, unite the offices of Secretary and Treasurer.

SEC. 4.—The County Association shall meet the first Tuesday in February annually, and at such other times as the county executive officers shall determine.

SEC. 5.—The Secretary of the County Association shall forward to the Secretary of the Grand Association fees to the amount of 6 cents per quarter for each member whose quarterly dues have been returned to the County Secretary.

SEC. 6.—The Secretary and Treasurer shall give good and sufficient bonds for the faithful accounting for of all funds coming into their hands, and the delivering up at the expiration of their term of office all funds, books, papers and other property of the Order in their possession, or under their care, to their successors in office, or other authorized officers of the Order, and the County Association may appoint a committee to approve of said bonds and to be the custodians thereof.

SEC. 7.—County Associations may appoint committees for the transaction of any business in their respective counties that they may consider to be in the interest of the Order, and

may define their duties in their by-laws, rules and regulations.

SEC. 8.—County Associations shall have the power to increase the per-capita tax in order to provide sufficient revenue for the successful carrying on of their work.

SEC. 9.—It shall be the duty of the executive officers to give notice to all Subordinate Associations, and to secure a place, and make arrangements for the meetings of the Association.

SEC. 10.—The following shall be the duties of the several County Officers, to wit :—

PRESIDENT.—To call and preside at all meetings of the County Association, to decide all questions of order subject to appeal to the Association, to call and preside at all meetings of the executive officers of the county, to sign all contracts entered into by and for the Patrons of Industry in his jurisdiction, to sign all orders on the County Treasurer when the expenditure is authorized by the County Association or by the executive officers for carrying out the work of the Association, and to exercise a general supervision over the affairs of the Order in his jurisdiction, and to counsel and advise all Subordinate Associations, and to see that the different county officers and committees perform their duties, and to attend to having the constitution, by-laws, rules and regulations observed and enforced.

VICE-PRESIDENT—To act in lieu of the President in case of his absence, and to assist the President in the discharge of his duties.

SECRETARY—To keep a faithful record of all the proceedings of the Association to conduct its correspondence, to receive the per capita tax sent in by the Secretaries of the

Subordinate Associations, and to forward to the Grand Secretary the proportion thereof specified in the Constitution, and to send the Pass Word to all Subordinate Associations that have paid the per capita tax for the previous quarter, to forward all circulars sent from the Grand Secretary for distribution among the Subordinate Associations, to keep an accurate account of all money received for per capita tax, and to pay over to the Treasurer quarterly all money pertaining to the County Association, to report quarterly to the Grand Association on the first days of February, May, August and November the total number of members in good standing in each Association in his jurisdiction, to notify all Subordinate Associations under the direction of the Executive Officers of all meetings of the County Association, to give to all the delegates to the Grand Association the proper credentials, to submit his accounts and vouchers to the scrutiny of the auditors, to give all information concerning the welfare, progress and working of the order in his county that he can conveniently to the Provincial Lecturers. In conjunction with the other Executive Officers to make all necessary arrangements for all lectures to be held in his county by Provincial Lecturers, to send to the Grand Secretary, as soon as possible after the annual meeting of the County Association, a certified list of the delegates appointed to the Grand Association, and of the county officers elected at such annual meeting, to countersign all proper warrants and orders on the Treasurer, and to perform such other duties as may be required by the County By-laws, and such as may be necessary for the proper carrying out of the work.

TREASURER—The Treasurer shall receive, safely keep and

disburse, under the order of the County President, countersigned by the County Secretary, all money belonging to the County Association, and shall keep a correct account thereof, and submit his books at all proper times to the inspection of the Executive Officers. He shall also submit his books, accounts and vouchers to the inspection of the Auditors, and assist them to the best of his ability in preparing a detailed statement of receipts and expenditures.

SENTINEL—It shall be the duty of the Sentinel to have charge of the door, and to see that it is properly guarded, and to admit no one without the proper authority, and to perform such other duty as may be assigned him by the County President.

AUDITORS—The Auditors appointed by the County Association shall examine all books, accounts and vouchers of the Secretary and Treasurer, and shall at the end of each year, and when required by the Executive, prepare a detailed statement of receipts and expenditures, and submit the same to the County Association at its annual meeting, and they shall return each quarterly report to the Executive Officers.

ARTICLE IV.

SUBORDINATE ASSOCIATION.

SEC. 1.—Subordinate Associations may be instituted by payment or a fee of thirteen dollars, ten dollars of which shall be paid to the organizer when he shall make out a report of Charter Members, male and female, and present to the Secretary of such Association, to be forwarded by said Secretary, together with the Charter Fee \$3.00, to the Grand Secretary, who shall on receipt of such report and Charter Fee issue a Charter to such Association. The fee of initiation in all cases

shall be Fifty Cents for Male, and Ten Cents for Female Members.

SEC. 2.—No Subordinate Association shall be organized with less than ten members, and it shall require five members to form a quorum for the transaction of business.

SEC. 3.—The Officers of Subordinate Associations shall consist of President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Guide, Sentinel, Minerva and Demeter, and two Auditors.

SEC. 4.—The age, at which applicants for membership shall be admitted shall be determined by the members of the Subordinate Association where the application is made

SEC. 5.—All persons are eligible for membership except persons of proved immoral character, and Lawyers, Doctors, Merchants, Liquor Dealers, Manufacturers, Party Politicians, and those whose interests conflict with those of Farmers and Laborers, and the minor members of the families of persons as above mentioned.

SEC. 6.—All applicants for membership shall send in with their application the initiation fee, which shall be returned immediately in case of their rejection.

SEC. 7.—All persons making application for membership shall be balloted for by the Subordinate Association where the application is made, provided always that when a committee appointed by the chair reports unfavorably on the character or eligibility of the applicant the application shall be rejected without a formal ballot being taken. Any applicant receiving a two-thirds vote of the members present shall be declared elected.

SEC. 8.—No person becoming a member of this Order shall be required to take an oath, but shall be received on their honor as a citizen.

SEC. 9.—Every member of any Subordinate Association of this Order shall be required to pay a Quarterly Fee of not less than Twenty Cents for each Male, and Ten Cents for each Female member, and said fee shall be paid in advance on the first days of January, April, July and October, and no member shall receive the quarterly password, or a certificate entitling the holder to the full privileges of membership in the Order, until said fee be paid, and any member of a Subordinate Association, who shall have failed for three months to pay dues, may be suspended, and if any member be six months in arrears, he may be expelled from the order by a two-thirds vote of the Association to which such member may belong.

SEC. 10.—Each Subordinate Association shall at its last meeting in each quarter prepare and forward to the County Secretary a return, in accordance with the forms sent by the Grand Secretary and forwarded by the County Secretary, and shall with the return send a per capita tax to the County Secretary, which shall not be less than ten cents for each member on the roll, liable for the payment of dues, but which shall, if the County Association has imposed a special rate, be sufficient to pay said special rate in addition to the regular rate of ten cents per capita per quarter. Provided always that no Subordinate Association shall be liable for dues for the quarter during which it is organized. Any subordinate Association that has not paid its dues for the previous quarter shall not receive the pass word from the County Secretary till all arrears are paid. And any Subordinate Association that shall fail for twelve months to pay its dues shall forfeit its charter unless satisfactory reasons can be given to the Grand Association.

SEC. 11.—All disputes and difficulties between the members of the Association, including all disputes generally settled by a process of law, shall, if possible, be settled by the court of the Subordinate Association to which they belong, according to the by-laws approved by the said Association.

SEC. 12.—Such supplies as shall be specified in the rulings of the Grand Executive Board, and which are required by Subordinate Associations, shall be procured from the Grand Secretary, and payment must be made therefor to the Grand Secretary before the supplies are forwarded.

SEC. 13.—Any member of the Order making use of his privileges as a member for the purpose of purchasing goods at a reduced price to sell in speculation, or for any person who is not a member of the Order, shall be liable to expulsion.

SEC. 14.—Any person who is found guilty of wilfully and knowingly violating his obligation, or any one who is guilty of conduct unbecoming a Patron of Industry, shall be liable to expulsion, but any person so charged shall be entitled to a fair trial according to the forms laid down in By-Laws of the Subordinate Associations, and shall have the right to appeal to the County Association, and in the interval between the meetings of the County Association the Executive Officers of the County Association shall have power to hear and decide such appeal, their decision to be good until the County Association sits, when it shall be either confirmed or reversed. If either party is dissatisfied they may appeal to the Grand Association, whose decision shall be final.

SEC. 15.—Any suggestion from Subordinate Associations involving action on the part of the Grand Association must first be brought before their respective County Asso-

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ciations, and receive their sanction, and shall, if it receive the sanction of the County Association, come before the Grand Association as a recommendation of the County Association.

SEC. 16.—Any Subordinate Association shall have power to pass by-laws and make rules and regulations for its government and the proper conducting of its business, provided the same do not conflict with the constitution.

SEC. 17.—The introduction of partizan and sectarian subjects into the discussions of Subordinate Associations is strictly prohibited, and any member offending repeatedly in this respect may be fined, suspended or expelled as the Association may direct.

SEC. 18.—Subordinate Associations may require that the Secretary and Treasurer shall give good and sufficient bonds for the faithful accounting for of all funds coming into their hands, and the delivering up at the expiration of their term of office of all funds, books, papers and other property of the Order in their possession or under their care to their successors in office or other authorized officers of the Order.

SEC. 19.—Any member wishing to withdraw from an Association may do so on payment of all charges against him on the books of the Association, and shall be granted a withdrawal card by his Association upon application therefor, and upon presentation of the card, and making an application for membership in another Association, the applicant shall be balloted for by such Association and if elected shall be entered upon the books as a member of that Association.

RULES OF ORDER.

I.

When the hour for the meeting of the Grand Association has arrived the Grand President shall take the chair, and call the meeting to order. In case the Grand President is absent, the Vice-President shall take the chair, and if both President and Vice-President are absent the meeting shall appoint a chairman pro tem, who shall have the same authority as the Grand President would have, until the Vice-President, or President arrives, when he shall vacate the chair.

II.

When the meeting has been called to order, the Secretary shall proceed to call the roll, and report if there is a quorum present. If a quorum be not present after the lapse of one hour, the Grand President may declare the meeting adjourned to some time fixed by himself.

III.

When the Grand President shall adjourn the meeting for want of a quorum, the time of the adjournment, and the time to which it is extended, shall be entered in the minutes, and the names of the members then present shall be recorded in the roll book.

IV.

Members of the Order, in good standing, may be admit-

ted as visitors, but no person shall be admitted in the seats reserved for delegates, or within the bar, except on special invitation of the Grand President, or other presiding officer. When any private business is about to be transacted, or for any other good reason, the presiding officer may direct all visiting members to withdraw.

V.

When any person, not a member of the Order, wishes to be heard before the Association, it shall be in order to pass a resolution to grant a hearing to any such person, if the Grand Association so desires.

VI.

The Grand President shall preserve order and decorum, and shall decide questions of order, subject to an appeal to the meeting. In explaining a point of order or practice, he shall state the rule or authority applicable to the case.

VII.

The Grand President, or other presiding officer, shall not take part in any debate before the meeting. In case of an equality of votes, the President shall have a casting voice, and any reasons stated by him shall be entered in the minutes.

VIII.

All motions shall be read to the meeting from the chair before being debated, but any delegate in introducing a motion shall read the same without comment before it is read from the chair.

IX.

Every member of the Grand Association desiring to speak shall rise in his place, and address the President.

X.

When two or more members of the Grand Association rise to speak, the President shall call upon the member who first rose in his place, but a motion may be made that any delegate, who has risen, be now heard or do now speak.

XI.

A member of the Association called to order shall sit down, but may afterwards explain. The Association, if appealed to, shall decide the case, but without debate. If there be no appeal, the decision shall be final.

XII.

No member of the Grand Association shall use any profane or indecent language, or speak disrespectfully to or of any member of the Grand Association. No delegate may reflect upon any vote of the Association except for the purpose of moving that such vote be reconsidered. A motion for reconsideration must be moved and seconded by members who have voted in the majority.

XIII.

Any delegate may require the question under discussion to be read at any time of the debate, but not so as to interrupt a delegate while speaking.

XIV.

No delegate may speak twice to a question, except in explanation of a material part of his speech in which he may have been misunderstood, but then he is not to introduce new matter. A delegate who has made a substantive motion will be allowed to reply, but not one who has moved an amend-

ment, or to take up another order of business, the previous question or an instruction to a committee.

XV.

When the President is putting a motion no delegate shall walk out of or across the room, or make any noise or disturbance, and when a delegate is speaking no one shall interrupt him except to call to order, nor pass between him and the chair.

XVI.

A motion to adjourn shall always be in order, but no second motion to the same effect shall be made until after some intermediate proceeding shall have been had.

XVII.

All motions shall be in writing, and seconded before being debated or put from the chair.

XVIII.

A delegate who has made a motion may withdraw the same by leave of the Association, such leave being granted without any negative voice.

XIX.

Whenever any matter of privilege arises it shall be taken into consideration immediately.

XX.

Not more than two amendments, viz., an amendment, and an amendment to the amendment, shall be received to one motion.

XXI.

The Association shall appoint Standing Committees, as

the By-Laws of the Grand Association direct. The first named to be convener.

XXII.

Select Committees may be appointed for any specified work, and no select committee shall consist of more than five members, without special order of the Association, and the mover may submit the names to form the committee.

XXIII.

Of the number of members appointed to compose a committee a majority of the same shall be a quorum, unless the Association has otherwise ordered.

XXIV.

Reports from Standing and Select Committees may be made by members of the committee, standing in their places, and shall be submitted in writing.

XXV.

In forming a Committee of the whole Association, the President, before leaving the chair, shall appoint a chairman to preside, who shall maintain order in the committee, and the rules of the Association shall be enforced so far as may be applicable, except the rule limiting the number of times of speaking.

XXVI.

Questions of order arising in committee of the whole Association shall be decided by the chairman, subject to an appeal to the committee.

XXVII.

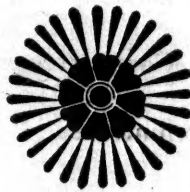
Upon a division, the yeas and nays shall be entered upon the minutes if demanded by any member of the Association.

XXVIII.

Petitions shall be presented by a delegate in his place, who shall be answerable that they do not contain impertinent or improper matter, and must be presented before the close of the second day of the session.

XXIX.

No rule shall be suspended except by a two-thirds vote of the delegates present.



Order of Business.

The following Shall, as far as Possible, be the Order of Business in Grand Association :—

- 1 Calling the Roll.
- 2 Reading the Minutes of preceding Day's Session.
- 3 Reception of Petitions and other Communications.
- 4 Reports of Grand Officers.
- 5 Reports of Standing Committees.
- 6 Reports of Select Committees.
- 7 Enquiries.
- 8 Motions, Notices and Orders of the day.

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